THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (d) The Department of Tourism undertakes the promotion and development of Tourism in the country as a whole, including Tamil Nadu. The steps taken to attract more tourists to Tamil Nadu include strengthening of tourism infrastructure in the State, production of publicity material (brochures, folders, directories maps, posters, films etc.) and print media campaigns.

(b) and (c) The number of foreign tourists who disembarked at various air ports and Seaports in Tamil Nadu during the last 3 years are given below:—

	Number	% Change
1985	97,090	—
1986	1,02,841	5.9
1987	1,07,509	4.9

Educational facilities to Disabled/handicapped Students

33. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pelased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken by Government to provide educational facilities to the disabled/handicapped students in the country;

(b) what is the number of institutions in the country for disabled students, State-wise run directly by Government and run by aided voluntary organisations:

(c) whether the teachers of those institutions are getting scales as recommended by the Fourth Pay Commission; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) This Ministry is implementing a Centrally-sponsored Scheme of Integrated Education for the Disabled Children under which 100 per cent financial assistance is provided to the State Governments/UT Administrations/Voluntary Organisations for education of certain categories of mildly disabled children in common schools alongside normal children with the help of necessary aids, incentives and specially trained teachers. The Ministry of Welfare is implementing a scheme of Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for Special Education of the disabled children. The Ministry of Welfare is also running a scheme of scholarships for the disabled persons for education from class IX onwards.

(b) The Ministry of Welfare is running directly a Model School for the Mentally Deficient Children in New Delhi. Besides this, there are four National Institutes *viz.* National Institute for the Visually Handicapped, Dehradun; National Institute for the Orthopaedically Handicapped, Calcutta; National Institute for the Mentally Handicapped, Secunderabad, and Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for the Hearing Handicapped, Bombay. During 1987-88, 175 Voluntary Organisations received assistance from the Ministry of Welfare under the Scheme of Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for the Disabled Persons.

(c) and (d) Teachers in the National Institutes are getting scales as per IV Pay Commission recommendations. Since the Voluntary Organisations are private institutions, the Government has not laid down the pay scales for the teachers of these institutions.